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Cub Run RECenter Offers Nature Programs

Cub Run RECenter in Chantilly, Virginia was the first Fairfax County Park Authority RECenter to feature nature programs with a resident naturalist and other qualified instructors. Nestled in the Cub Run Stream Valley in western Fairfax County, the RECenter's nature programs take advantage of nearby Sully Woodlands and trails along the scenic Cub Run Stream Valley. The area offers a superb opportunity for natural and cultural resources education.

On Saturday, September 30, 2006, Cub Run's naturalist will lead two programs at the park: Apprentice Naturalist – Planning a Wildlife Garden, and a Crayfish Hunt.

Try wildlife gardening from 1 p.m to 2:30 p.m. at Apprentice Naturalist – Planning a Wildlife Garden, which introduces you to backyard habitats. Learn how to create a successful garden in your own backyard. If you want to grow instead of mow next year, winter is the time to plan your spring garden plantings. This program is appropriate for ages 12 and up. The cost is \$3 per person and reservations are required.

Bring your boots for a Crayfish Hunt from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and take an up-close and personal look at the many critters that live in and use Cub Run Stream. Use nets to catch animals, and then use microscopes to get a better view of the fascinating creatures that depend on the stream's clean water. The Crayfish Hunt is perfect for children ages five and up with an adult. The cost is \$7 per participant and reservations are required.

Cub Run RECenter is located at 4630 Stonecroft Blvd in Chantilly, Virginia. Call 703-817-9407 for more information.

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